

COLLECTION OF BLOOD SAMPLES FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) SURVEILLANCE

- ❑ Secure bird by holding it with its wings extended away from the body and folded against one another.
- ❑ Pluck a few feathers from the bend in the wing to expose the median vein.
- ❑ Using a sterile scalpel blade, prick the vein to obtain a blood sample.
- ❑ Place the blood sample in a tube. (2 ml is a sufficient amount of blood.)
- ❑ Allow the blood sample to stand for 4 to 12 hours at room temperature.
- ❑ Place the blood sample in a refrigerator until it can be transported to the laboratory.
- ❑ Complete the submission form and send it with the samples.
- ❑ Write the farm name and Premises ID on the side of the box of samples, not on the lid. If you need a Premise ID number, call the DEM Division of Agriculture (401-222-2781).

Note: Other methods of blood sample collection are available from D.V. Zander and E.T. Mallinson in *Diseases of Poultry*, 9th edition, ed. B.W. Calnek (Iowa State University Press, 1991), pp. 28-30.